



File Code: 1950

Date: May 9, 2008

Dear Interested Party:

This letter describes a number of proposed projects or activities which we are currently reviewing and considering for approval. As a part of this environmental analysis process, we are soliciting your input on these projects. It's our hope the information below will provide you enough information so that you send us any issues or concerns that you might have, should you care to do so. A project contact is also listed in case you have any questions or desire further information.

The Salt Lake Ranger District has made a preliminary assessment that these proposals fall within categories of actions listed in the Forest Service NEPA Handbook that are excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement and that no extraordinary circumstances exist that would preclude use of the category. The following list provides brief project descriptions and contact information. Additional information on these projects, as well as other District and Forest proposals, are available at Forest's website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf/projects/proposed>.

Non-Recreation Special Uses - Contact: Al Soucie, 801-236-3450 or asoucie@fs.fed.us for additional information.

- Porter Fork Cabin #21 – The owner wishes to remove the old cabin and storage shed and replace with a new structure. The existing cabin structure has been determined to be structurally unsound and renovation is not feasible. The footprint size of the new structure will include the footprint size of the old structure and the storage shed. Located in Porter Fork Summer Home Tract, Mill Creek Canyon.
- Mill Creek Inn - Renew existing permit for a new term, no new changes are being proposed. Mill Creek Inn is a concession that is a private dining facility that caters to weddings, gatherings and events. Located in Mill Creek Canyon.
- Brighton LDS Girls Organizational Camp - Renew existing and expired permit for the water system and water transmission line that provides water to the Camp. No new changes are being proposed. Located in the Brighton area, Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Recreation Special Uses - Contact: Steve Scheid, 801-733-2689 or sscheid@fs.fed.us, or Andy Smith, 801-733-2686 or ansmith@fs.fed.us for additional information.

- Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) – UDOT is proposing to install a new ammunition cache for its avalanche control program in a new location at the Brighton Ski Resort. The new cache would replace the existing 40-year old cache that would be removed, and would be located in a secure location accessed by the existing road and ski run system in the Millicent area of the



Brighton Ski Resort. The new cache would require a cleared area of approximately 12-by-12 feet and would be consistent with federal requirements for ammunition storage.

- Ski Utah Interconnect Adventure Tour permit renewal – Re-issue an Outfitter and Guide permit from a five-year term to a ten-year term. The permit area is in Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons where they provide guided backcountry ski tours between Cottonwood Canyon and Park City Area ski resorts. They have been permitted 850 service days per year. The existing permit expires in 9/2008 and no changes to the permit are being proposed.
- Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort – Snowbird is proposing the following two projects for implementation during the summer of 2008:
 - Snowbird, Wasatch Adaptive Sports, and the Steve Young Foundation propose to build a 20-by-20-foot covered picnic pavilion at the site of the adaptive playground, located between the Snowbird Center and the Iron Blossom Lodge. No additional clearing is required.
 - Snowbird proposes to dredge the accessible fishing pond located adjacent to the valet parking lot just west of the Snowbird Center to remove accumulated sediment from the pond bottom.
- Alt Ski Lifts – Alta is proposing the following two projects for implementation during the summer of 2008:
 - Alta has identified a break in the electrical line that accompanies their existing snowmaking line below Alf's Restaurant on the Home Run ski trail. Concurrently with the electrical work, Alta proposes, on the same section of existing snowmaking line, to install five new buried snowmaking hydrants adjacent to the line (within 10 feet) with one spur line running 25 feet from the line.
 - Alta is proposing to install an 8 foot by 30 foot loading accelerator/conveyor carpet at the base terminal of the Supreme lift to increase loading efficiency on the fixed-grip lift. All installation would occur within the existing gravel footprint under the base of the lift.
- Solitude Mountain Resort – Solitude is proposing the following two projects for implementation during the summer of 2008:
 - Solitude is proposing to relocate their Yurt to a new location in close proximity to the base of the Sunrise lift and operate it year-round. The Yurt is currently located in the Redman Campground during the winter and is removed during the summer. The Yurt would require the clearing of an area approximately 25 by 25 feet.
 - Solitude is proposing to widen a corner at the intersection of Little Dollie and Pokey Pine ski runs to improve the recreation opportunities for teaching and lower ability skiers in a high use, congested areas. The widening would require the removal of less than approximately .25 acres of trees and no ground disturbing activities.
- Brighton Ski Resort – Brighton is proposing the following three projects for implementation during the summer of 2008:
 - Brighton is proposing to extend snowmaking from the current line that terminates at the top of the Thunder Road ski run off the Crest lift. Total length of the extension is approximately 1,000 feet and the disturbance corridor would be approximately 25 feet wide. They would also replace the existing night lighting wire in this location.
 - Brighton is proposing to improve the egress from the Easy Out ski run in the Evergreen area; a dead end ski run, which terminates above private property. Improvements would

- require the removal of approximately two dozen trees and adjacent surface rocks, and a minimal amount of grading (total area of impact less than .5 acres).
- The intersection at Milli-Access and Majestic-Access ski runs has caused skier flow and safety problems at the resort and Brighton has done some work in this area in the past. Brighton proposes to remove approximately six additional trees to further increase site visibility.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments must be received by **June 6, 2008**. Written comments must be submitted to: Loren Kroenke, District Ranger, 6944 South 3000 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84121. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone (801) 733-2660 or in person; or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments. Electronic comments must be submitted in rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-saltlake@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

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